

FREMONT BOARD OF SELECTMEN**12 JUNE 2008****APPROVED 06/19/2008**

The Board's meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm in the basement meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Gene Cordes, Brett Hunter, and Donald Gates Jr; and Town Administrator Heidi Carlson.

Dave Del Pozzo had called this afternoon to cancel his appointment with the Board to discuss a complaint about Impact Fees and the Building Inspector, indicating that he was now planning to pay the impact fee as advised by his attorney, and wished to cancel the appointment with the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the minutes for 05 June 2008. Motion was made by Gates to approve them as written. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the payroll manifest \$19,975.51 and accounts payable manifest \$106,561.92. Motion was made by Gates and seconded by Hunter to approve the accounts payable manifest dated June 13, 2008 in the amount of \$106,561.92. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0. Motion was then made by Hunter and seconded by Gates to approve the payroll manifest dated June 13, 2008 in the amount of \$19,975.51. The vote was unanimously approved.

2. Selectmen reviewed a request from Trudie Butler on behalf of the Universalist Society of Fremont to use the Olde Meetinghouse for the Annual Old Home Day Service on Sunday August 17, 2008; and for cleaning on August 11, 2008. This has been a usual practice for many years. The Board approved the request with no fee due.

3. Selectmen reviewed outgoing correspondence to Clara Brenda Stanton and Lawrence Dodge re: property tax matters. The letters were updated with a deadline date to contact the Board of Selectmen not later than June 26, 2008 to schedule an appointment or have the taxes paid. Letters were also reviewed and signed by the Board and Acting Fire Chief Rick Butler to the two Waste Management employees Ed O'Connor and Tom Murphy, who helped at the Shirkin Road fire last week. Changes had to be made to the letters and Carlson did these upstairs and returned with the letters.

4. Selectmen reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence. The mail included a letter from the Tax Collector requesting payment for the Deputy. The Board had some follow-up questions for the Collector regarding how it was budgeted, which will be sent to her by email.

5. Selectmen reviewed Intents to Excavate for property owned by Fred and Joyce LeClair (02-077.001) for several tax years. Mr LeClair had submitted the Intents after receiving a Cease and Desist Notice from the NH Department of Revenue Administration. Intents covered the tax years:

2005-2006 for 1000 yards

2006-2007 for 1005 yards

2008-2009 for 7000 yards

Selectmen discussed and drafted a letter to Mr LeClair outlining the need to see the Planning Board as no excavation permit is in existence at this site, and also questioned there being no form for the 2007-2008 tax year.

Selectmen signed and executed the Intent forms for the three years presented as they are in compliance with the State's regulations to be processed.

Richard Butler came into the meeting at 7:00 pm for the Department Head session. Butler and Carlson this afternoon had prepared certificates with the Town Seal and the Fire Department patch for the three youths who had identified a problem at the Shirkin Road home on June 5th and called 911 to report the fire. Selectmen and Butler signed these certificates after Hunter made a motion to sign Certificates of Appreciation for Kelvis DeCastro, Ryan Lavelle, and Joshua Cooley for their actions at the fire on Shirkin Road on June 5, 2008. Gates seconded and the vote was unanimously approved.

Butler then discussed radio equipment which can be hosted on the former Nynex tower on Beede Hill Road. David Barker has been in touch with Crown International, owner of the equipment on site, and they have stated they will allow the Town to put an antenna on it and use it free of charge (no rent). With the Town's tower now erected at the Safety Complex, this additional location may give us even more coverage. Butler explained that this would be an exploratory view for now. The radio people will set up an antenna on the tower with the equipment in a box at the bottom, for a month or two experimental.

There is currently no power up there, but it would run on a battery and Butler said the company is looking at a solar panel installation.

Butler said the purpose would be two-fold, in that it could be used by ham radio operators in a situation like a flood or hurricane where additional personnel were called in to help. It would also likely improve local radio traffic communications for the public safety services.

Cordes asked what we would be gaining by doing this. Butler indicated that it would help in times of an emergency where others were here. Cordes asked what the longer term costs would be (power and keeping the site open); and Butler said he did not know at this point.

It is presumed that if it works, what would we have to spend some additional funds.

Overall the Board and Butler discussed what problem we may be solving and what will this accomplish and cost in the longer term.

Barker had said that the Fire Department members will install the equipment in a training exercise. He also indicated that there would likely be insurance and indemnification forms to organize if it is to move ahead.

Butler then discussed some repairs necessary to Tank 3. He explained that there is a rust hole on the top of engine 3's tank. There is a fill tower on the top of the tank with a fill pipe that comes up, and it looks like the drain plug there has been plugged, so that standing water remained, creating a large hole and chunks of rust.

There is no access port so they will cut the tower out and make a bigger hole to further assess the damage. They will get the chunks of rust out so they don't go thru the pump impeller and see what the integrity of the tank is. He said they may be looking at a replacement poly tank in place of the steel tank, which can be done commercially, if the hole cannot be welded for repair.

The truck is a 1980, and Butler said the way it looks now, you may be able to pick up and pull out the old tank and replace it with a new one. He had not done too much research as yet, but indicated the cost could be \$10,000 to \$15,000 for the poly tank.

There was discussion about how this would be funded if indeed the hole could not be welded, causing a larger expense to fix it.

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Butler left the meeting at 7:45 pm.

NEXT WEEK

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday June 19, 2008 at 6:00 pm.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Hunter and seconded by Gates to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson
Town Administrator